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From the Principal's Desk

Fellow Bears,

As we come to the end of the 3rd quarter, we are in the home stretch for the 2018-2019 school year. This becomes a very busy time of year on campus as we move into testing season, graduation plans, senior class activities, student scheduling and working with students and staff on preparing for next school year.

I encourage parents to check our website and monitor the calendar this time of year as we move into testing season. All of our students will be participating in FSA Reading/Writing tests, (EOC) End-of-Course exams, PERT, ACT and/or SAT testing, AP and AICE exams, and final exams from now into June. The FSA (Florida Standards Assessment) Reading/Writing tests will be administered to the current 9th and 10th graders. The Reading portion of FSA along with Algebra, Geometry, Biology, and US History exams will all be administered in the month of May. Senior final exams will be held the week of May 14th – 20th. Final exams for underclassmen will be May 24th – May 30th.

Graduation will be held on Friday, May 24th at Hertz Arena in Estero. Due to the Early Release scheduled for that day, Palmetto Ridge's Commencement Ceremony will be at 4:00pm. Please check our website and communicate with your senior student on requirements, schedules, and other information as we get closer to the date.

On Thursday, Feb. 21st, PRHS held an informational night for future Bears from the middle schools. The presentation was given to a full house of 8th graders and parents. It was great to see the enthusiasm and excitement in the students as they look to select their courses for next year. The counselors have been busy working with current Bears on course selections for next year and developing

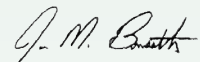
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the master schedule for course offerings. If you have any questions regarding scheduling or course offerings, please contact your child's school counselor.

As always, a large part of the success of students and Palmetto Ridge is the involvement of parents and family. I encourage you to monitor your child's progress in school through the online Gradebook, email communication with teachers, set parent conferences with teachers and the guidance dept., and talk with your child regularly about school. Follow our events on Twitter @PalmettoRidgeHS and download the PRH school app in Google Apps or Apple store for free. 'The Ridge' is One School – One Family. That family is extended into your home and we invite you to take an active role in the great things happening at Palmetto Ridge this year. GO BEARS !!!

Yours in education,



Jon Bremseth
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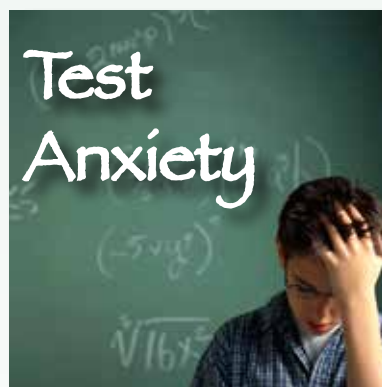
Spring break is over, your students have picked their classes for next year and our seniors are preparing for all the yearend events including graduation! It is now even more imperative that your student remain focused to finish the school year strong. This is an exciting time for all our Bears but an easy time to get distracted and slow down. Students will soon be taking end of course exams (EOC's), AP exams and AICE exams across campus.

The State of Florida has mandated, starting this year, that all EOC's take place in the month of May. This timeline puts even more pressure on a testing schedule that was already full of tests spread out over more days. Add to this our AP and AICE tests that are scheduled for the month of May and some students may start to experience an overload of stress due to all the testing. Please make sure to check FOCUS regularly to monitor your students grades during this time. If you notice a decline, it could be a precursor to your student reacting to these stresses. If you are concerned please reach out to your students' counselor or teachers. Checking gradebook regularly and staying in touch with your student's teachers will be the key to a successful end of the year.

With testing just around the corner for FSA and EOCs exams attendance is so important. Some tests take place over the course of two days and if a student misses one of the days they do not get credit for either part. Now, more than ever, students need to be in class every day to assure that they are receiving the most rigorous instruction from now until the end of the year.

Please visit our website for all our Advanced Placement (AP), AICE and EOC testing schedules. If at any time you have questions regarding testing or your student's placement please contact me. We are excited about the last few months of school and at no time is it better to be a Bear!

Sincerely,
Daniel Chouinard
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Bullying, which includes cyberbullying, occurs when a person or group of people purposefully and repeatedly hurt, embarrass, or frighten another. Students are educated about how to identify, react to and report bullying at school. As a parent, it is important to have open dialogue with your child about their experiences at school. If you become aware of a bullying situation, please report it immediately. Palmetto Ridge High School does not tolerate any form of bullying. For more information, or to report bullying to the school ASAP.

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

It is imperative we have accurate records (new addresses, phone numbers, etc.) so we are able to contact you in the event of an emergency involving your son or daughter. In addition, there are times when teachers and other school personnel also need to speak with parents and/or guardians. Please give the office a call if you need to update you information.

ABSENCES

THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE NUMBER IS 239-377-2400. Please be reminded that on the day your child is absent from school, the Attendance Office should receive a phone call before 7:30 a.m. from the parent or guardian explaining the absence. In addition, for your convenience, a 24-hour voice mail is available before and after school hours so you are able to leave messages regarding absences.



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Activities Office

Hey Bear Fans,

Greetings from the Activities Office. Can you believe that we are getting ready to start the final quarter of the school year already? I want to thank everyone for their continued support for the many activities, teams, clubs and groups that we have here at PRHS. I especially want to give a shout out to all the Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Guardians, and family members who make sacrifices to ensure that their child is enjoying their time here at PRHS. The early morning drop-offs, the late night pick-ups, the financial contributions, and the support of your son or daughter are truly appreciated by myself and the entire PRHS Family.

I would like to thank the many Coaches, Advisors, and students along with the parents who helped me park cars for the 3 different Golf Tournaments that we had this year. It brought in approximately \$32,000 for our programs. Something that I've been talking about to many different groups this year is that our programs receive very little funding from the main District Office. We are thankful for the funding they do provide which covers coach's salaries, transportation, event workers and funding for major repairs but for the most part we have to raise all of the other monies to support our programs. So the Golf Tournaments are major boost to our yearly funding along with sponsorships. We also depend heavily on gate receipts to fund that individual sport. So everyone pulling together to help raise the necessary money is truly appreciated. Anyone that wants to help with the fundraising or to sponsor our program or just needs additional information can email me at brickzbr@collierschools.com.


**New Student
Orientation**
Monday, August 12


As this year winds down, I would like to remind everyone that Freshman Class of 2023/New Student Orientation will take place on Monday, August 12, 2019 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. Any questions related to this event, again please contact me at brickzbr@collierschools.com.

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In January, Palmetto Ridge SGA students attended the FASC District 4 winter leadership training where Palmetto Ridge was elected FASC District 4 President. In February, SGA students attended the FASC Convention at Boca Raton Community High School on March 1 – March 3. Nathaniel Peguero and PRHS SGA ran an amazing campaign for the office of FASC President of the State of Florida. The focus of the campaign was mental health awareness. Unfortunately, after a few nail-biting run-off votes PRHS did not win the title. PRHS students brought home four trophies for project books and a gold medal for their Medallion book. During this conference, PRHS students presented a resolution for providing psychologists at every school in Florida to assist students with mental health issues. For the first time in Palmetto Ridge school history, the resolution was approved and will be sent to the Florida State Legislation for their approval.

We are very excited about our upcoming events which include:

- April 5 – Grad Bash to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure
- April 13 – Spring Rally Leadership Conference in Tampa
- April 25 – April 27 – The SGA end-of-year Leadership Retreat to Orlando which is the biggest trip of the year. If you would like to donate to help fund this trip, please contact Ms. Wyerman at wyermadi@collierschools.com or (239) 377-2512.
- May 4 – PRHS Prom “Tale as Old as Time” at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Estero
- May 24 – Graduation at Hertz Arena in Estero.

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